

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF TIM HARRIS

WHEREAS, Tim Harris started Real Change News in 1994 and grew the street paper's budget from \$23K to over \$1 million in 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Tim, through his tireless advocacy in Seattle and Olympia, worked to win many policy advancements to help people experiencing homelessness and poverty; and

WHEREAS, Tim played a leadership role in the expansion of the International Network of Street Papers headquartered in Glasgow; and

WHEREAS, Tim, through Real Change News, has offered hundreds of vendors a worthwhile entrepreneurial experience, and in doing so, empowered vendors to house and provide for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Tim has gained the support of thousands of individuals, families, and businesses in the region; and

WHEREAS, Tim has authored and published nearly 300 weekly "Director's Corner" essays that have tugged the community's sleeve on issues related to our social consciousness; and

WHEREAS, Tim became one of the most compelling and impactful voices of the community in advocating for the rights of the poor in our region; and

WHEREAS, Tim has never failed to support emerging human service needs; and

WHEREAS, Tim taught us to view housing, not as a reward, but as a basic need; and

WHEREAS, Real Change News, with Tim's leadership, has been honored with dozens of awards for excellence in journalism from the regional Society of Professional Journalists and the "Ken Schram award for Outstanding Community Leadership and Commitment to Social Justice;"

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM January 11, 2021, TO BE

Tim Harris Day



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